

The New York State College of Agriculture at Ovid (Willard)



Before the Willard Asylum for the Insane was established, the site had been the New York State College of Agriculture, the first state chartered agricultural college in New York State. As early as 1842, the New York Agricultural Society had been urging the creation of agricultural schools or colleges. Many European countries had already established a college of agriculture to help train farmers to make better use of the new farming methods

and technology developing as part of the industrial revolution.

In 1851, John Delafield of Fayette township, became president of the state Agricultural Society and made it a priority to get the State Legislature to create an agricultural college. On April 1, 1853, Chapter 247 of state laws incorporated the New York State Agricultural College. The college's trustees selected Oaklands farm in Fayette, the home of Mr. Delafield, as the site for the college. Mr. Delafield's sudden death on October 22, 1853, however, led to nothing further being done for nearly two years.

In 1855 the idea of the state agricultural college was revived. Several communities – Ithaca, Aurora, Kings Ferry, Farmer (Interlaken), Sheldrake and Ovid -- aspired to be the chosen site. Ovid emerged victorious largely due to the promotional efforts of the Rev. Amos Brown, principal of the Seneca Collegiate Institute. He raised \$46,000 locally and got the New York State Legislature to grant a \$40,000 loan. Over six hundred acres were purchased in the towns of Ovid and Romulus on Seneca Lake near a tiny settlement called Baileytown (Ovid Landing). A large brick building was to be constructed to house students and provide classrooms for 350 students.



The College was opened on December 5, 1860. Major Marsena R. Patrick, a West Point graduate, was the college President. For \$200 a year students would receive classroom instruction and practical on-the-farm experience to become familiar with “the principles and practice of the methods of clearing and cleaning land,

nourishment of plants and grasses, restoration and exhaustion of the soil, rotation of crops and

their adaptation to the season, gathering hay and grain, management of the dairy, gardening, fattening, rearing and breeding stock, training colts, the disease of animals and veterinary practice, preparation of timber for fences, surveying, landscape gardening, and book-keeping as applied to farming.”



The timing for the opening of this college was bad. Throughout the winter of 1860 and early 1861 there was constant talk of pending war. Within two weeks following the fall of Fort Sumter in April 1861, President Patrick was called to Albany by Governor Morgan. Patrick was to draw upon his previous army experiences to devise a means for rapid enlistment



Gen'l. M. R. Patrick.

and training of volunteers. Believing that the “civil war” would be of short duration, the college tried to carry on in Patrick’s absence. By May so many of the approximately 40 students have left to fight in the war that the college closed for the summer. The College did not reopen in the fall or in the winter. In March 1862, it was officially announced that the “college doors are closed for the present.” On August 9, 1862, about 200 acres of the College land were sold because of debts owed.



In 1960, then Governor Nelson Rockefeller helped dedicate this boulder with plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Agricultural College at Ovid

of Rev. Amos Brown to lobby both in Albany and Washington, D.C. on behalf of Cornell University. The Republican-controlled Congress had passed a Morrill Act in 1862 providing for what became known as “land grant” colleges in engineering, agriculture and military science.

Although the Baileytown area’s Agricultural College was short-lived, there was soon a new state agricultural college in nearby Ithaca. Ezra Cornell who in 1864 had started a university bearing his name, was determined that his new university would include a new state agricultural college. This had been promised to Ezra Cornell when the state granted its charter. To make the promise a reality, Ezra Cornell secured the services

Rev. Brown was instrumental in convincing the New York State Legislature to award the state's new federally-provided for land-grant agriculture college to be part of Cornell University.

Soon Ovid area residents turned their energies toward getting the former Agricultural College site in Baileytown chosen as the location for a new state asylum for the insane. This became reality in October 1869 when the first patients were admitted to the new Willard Asylum for the Insane. The former Agricultural College building was converted and opened in summer 1870 as The Branch for 200 female patients.

The Agricultural College at what is today Willard was gone, but the Willard Asylum for the Insane would flourish for many years. The new state Agricultural College at Cornell University thrives yet today.

Appendix A

Timeline of Events for the New York State Agricultural College

April 15, 1853—NYS Legislature passes Act chartering the New York State Agricultural College at Oaklands farm of John Delafield near Rose Hill in the town of Fayette. In October, John Delafield dies suddenly and the plans for the college at Oaklands do not move forward.

January 22, 1855—A group of Ovid citizens appoint a committee to petition the NYS Legislature to locate the college in their vicinity, instead of Fayette.

August 1, 1855—Citizens of Seneca County at Presbyterian Church in Ovid pledge to raise \$40,000 by local subscription is raised from local and statewide subscribers.

March 31, 1856—NYS Legislature Act authorizes a loan to the trustees of the Agricultural College of the sum of \$40,000 for the payment of the land and the erection of buildings, a mortgage upon the same being given to secure the repayment without interest twenty years later, on January 1, 1877.

September 4, 1856—The College trustees choose farmland just west of Ovid village limits as the site for the Agricultural College. At this same meeting, the trustees appoint Judge Samuel Cheever as the College president.

April 1, 1857—NYS Agricultural College trustees take possession of the properties that will make up the college farm. The College farm totals about 686 acres.

December 15, 1857—The College trustees accept the resignation of Amos Brown as a trustee, and they adopt the plans for the college building.

May 1858—The College trustees authorize the erection of the south wing at a cost not exceeding \$30,000.

June 29, 1858—Judge Samuel Cheever resigns as the College president. After several months without a president, Major Marsena R. Patrick will be chosen as the College president.

July 7, 1859—The cornerstone for the College building is laid at a big public gathering of 3000 people.

December 5, 1860—The New York State Agricultural College at Ovid opened.

April 1861—Fort Sumter falls to Confederates and President Lincoln calls for a volunteer army to put down this secessionist rebellion that evolves into the lengthy Civil War.

November 1861—Because of the difficulties in operating the College in light of the Civil War developments, the trustees of the College dismissed the students and relieved the professors of their duties.

March 1862—The College trustees officially announce that the college doors were closed for the present.

July 2, 1862—The U.S. Congress passes, and President Lincoln signs, the Morrill (Agricultural College Land Grant College) Act. New York State will receive the revenues from the sale of 989,920 acres in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas, with these revenues to be used to support a college or colleges for the agricultural and mechanical arts.

August 9, 1862—Approximately 200 acres of the College farmland, the portion that is not covered by the State mortgage, is sold off at a Sheriff's sale at the Waterloo courthouse.

September 1864—Ezra Cornell offers to the trustees of the Agricultural College a farm of 300 acres and a donation of \$300,000, if the trustees would agree to the transfer of the college to Ithaca and if the state would endow this newly located college an annual income of \$30,000, to be derived from the Morrill land grant.

April 8, 1865—The New York State Legislature passes the Willard Act, creating a State asylum for the chronic insane.

April 27, 1865—The NYS Governor signs the bill incorporating Cornell University as New York's land-grant institution.

December 15, 1865—The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York forecloses on its \$33,600 mortgage on the Agricultural College at Ovid.

January 1866—New York State Legislature passes an Act to locate the new Willard Asylum for the Insane on the Agricultural College at Ovid property and the Agricultural College is to give to Cornell University the college rights for New York State's U.S. Land Grant.

Summer 1866—The main building of the Willard Asylum is erected near Seneca Lake.

October 1869—The first patients are admitted to the Willard Asylum.

Summer 1870—The Agricultural College building is opened as The Branch for 200 female patients of the Willard Asylum.

Spring 1886—The upper two stories of the Agricultural College building are taken off and large addition was built to the north and east, creating the Grandview Building as it exists today

Appendix B -- Questions and Answers

When was the idea of a state agricultural college first suggested?

As early as 1799, Simeon DeWitt, the Surveyor General for New York State, proposed a school “of practical instruction in the business of husbandry.” In 1819 he published a booklet on the subject entitled *Considerations on the Necessity of Establishing an Agricultural College and Having More of the Children of Wealthy Citizens Educated for the Profession of Farming*. In his Governor’s Message of 1818, NYS Governor DeWitt Clinton expressed the hope that a chair of agriculture might be created. In 1819, Elkanah Watson suggested a model farm with a professor of agriculture. In 1823, as a member of the NYS Legislature, Jesse Buel brought out a committee report favoring a school of agriculture supported by the State. At the urging of the NYS Agricultural Society, starting in 1833 bills were introduced in the NYS Legislature to provide for establishing a school of scientific and practical agriculture. In 1836, the NYS Legislature finally passed such a bill to incorporate a New York State Agricultural School but no group came forward to raise the necessary locally-subscribed funds to meet the conditions set forth in this Act. With John Delafield as the new president of the NYS Agricultural Society, in 1853 the Society secured the passage by the NYS Legislature of an Act to incorporate the New York State Agricultural College. This idea had been strengthened by the fact that several agricultural colleges had already been established by various European countries.

Was the state agricultural college at Ovid the first state agricultural college in the United States?

Maybe. The NYS Legislature on April 15, 1853, passed an Act to incorporate this New York State Agricultural College. This College, however, did not open until December 5, 1860. By that date at least three other states—Michigan, Maryland and Pennsylvania—already had functioning state agricultural colleges. The Agricultural College at Ovid was the first chartered (incorporated) state agricultural college in the United States. It was not the first state agricultural college to have students.

Was the state agricultural college at Ovid the “beginnings” of Cornell University?

No. The New York State Agricultural College at Ovid (Willard) had closed in March 1862, because students and staff had left to fight in the Civil War. During the Civil War, the U.S. Congress in 1862 had passed a Morrill Land Grant Act (signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on July 2, 1862). In August 1865, the NYS Legislature passed a bill that the federal appropriation from the Morrill Act should go to Cornell University unless the People’s College at Havanna (Montour Falls today) could meet the conditions set forth in that bill. When the People’s College couldn’t come up with the funds to meet the conditions, the federal appropriation and NYS support went to the newly-established Cornell University in Ithaca. Another part of the confusion is that both Ezra Cornell and Andrew D. White had been trustees of the State Agricultural College at Ovid and were founding trustees of Cornell University.

Why does the history of New York State refer to our State Agricultural College as having been located at Ovid when we local people know that it was really Willard?

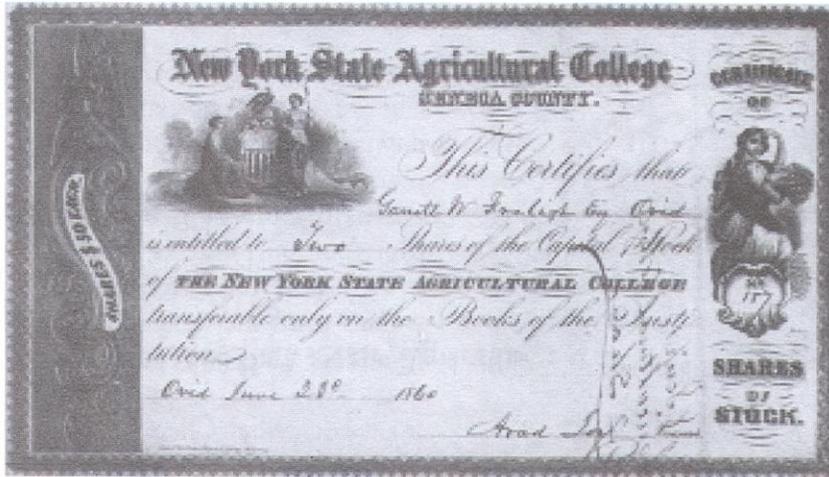
The name of the hamlet of Willard didn’t really come into use until after the opening of the Willard State Mental Institution in 1869. That facility was named after Sylvester Willard who

had done a study on the need for another state institution for the insane poor. Prior to the area being called "Willard" it had been known as Ovid Landing and Baileytown. The State Legislation passed in 1853 to create this state agricultural college provided that it would be located at or near to Ovid. Interestingly, the actual property purchased for the farm and buildings of the state agricultural college are partially in the town of Ovid and the town of Romulus. The mailing address for the state agricultural college was Ovid, New York.

Appendix C – Stockholders in the NYS Agricultural College at Ovid

CAPITAL STOCK

The capital stock of the New-York State Agricultural College shall be sixty thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the same whenever, and



as often as the trustees may deem necessary for the advantage of the corporation. The said stock shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, and shall be transferable in such manner as the board of trustees may direct....

Alphabetical Listing of Recorded Stockholders in the Agricultural College

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
ALLEN	ISAAC	VARICK, NY	50	51
ARNDT	JOHN	ELMIRA, NY	250	76
ANDERSON	PATRICK	OVID	50	
ASPENWALL	WM H	NEW YORK	100	
AYRES	A.D.	ROMULUS P.O.	50	
ANDREWS	LORING	NEW YORK	100	
BANKER	JOB A	OVID	500	221
BONNIE	SAMUEL	OVID	500	269
BLOOMER	ABRAHAM	OVID	200	26
BODINE, & STONE		OVID	200	222
BROWN	AMOS	OVID	500	183
BUELL	WILLIAM	ROCHESTER	200	16
BACON	JOCH W	WATERLOO	200	
BLOOMER	HIRAM	OVID	100	
BASSETT	E.S.	ROMULUS	100	
BROWN	AA	ROMULUS	100	223
BARRICK	B	VARICK	100	
BODINE	GEORGE	OVID	100	107
BROWN	ROGER	SEARSBURGH	100	48
BULL	JULIUS	SENECA FALLS	100	143
BARCLAY	THOMAS C	ROMULUS	100	
BOCKOVEN	GEORGE W	SENECA FALLS	100	144
BURROUGHS	THOMAS	EAST VARICK	100	94
BODINE	LEWIS	OVID	150	210
BACON	BENJAMIN	WATERLOO	50	52
BROOKS	JAMES	OVID	100	
BARREY	S L	OVID	50	148
BARTLETT	BENJAMIN	OVID	50	54
BASSETT	JARED B	FARMER	50	178
BASSETT	PIERPOINT	FARMER	50	181
BASSETT	B.E.	FARMER	50	179
BROWN	ISAAC	FARMER	50	114
BROWN	JACOB	VARICK	50	206
BOLTER	DR ALFRED	OVID	50	129
BOLTER	DR ALFRED	OVID	50	290
BRAMBLE	LEWIS	LODI	50	149
BOGART	MARTIN S	LODI	50	180
BRAMBLE	RILEY	LODI	50	53
BRANDED	H.D.	LODI	50	271
BODINE	THADDEUS	OVID	50	102
B...?	DAVID	OVID	50	273
?	JERRE?	OVID	50	
BOOROM	JOHN	FARMER	50	96
BLACKWELL	J V	OVID	50	
BLACKWELL	J V	OVID	50	
BLISS	JOHN B	OVID	50	
<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
BURNETT	HORACE H	OVID	50	
BURNETT	JAMES	OVID	50	274
BROOKS	ELLIS	OVID	50	161
BROKAW	JOSEPH	LODI	50	

BROKAW	BUNN	EAST VARICK	50	103
BURLEW	JAMES	SHELDRAKE	50	101
BANNISTER	GEORGE	MICHIGAN	50	
BOARDMAN	TRUMAN	TRUMANSBURGH	50	
BRYANT	H.C.	EAST VARICK	25	
BRYANT	ANDREW JR	OVID	25	
BOMAN	JAMES	NEW YORK	250	
BROWN		NEW YORK	250	
BUCKLIN & CRANE		NEW YORK	100	

COOK	CHARLES	HAVANA	500	77
CHELLBORG	ALB	GENEVA	500	250
CHAPMAN	HUGH	OVID	500	280
CORNELL	JOHN J	OVID	500	
CORNING JR	ERASTER	ALBANY	500	
CONGER	A.B.	HAVERSTRAM	500	
CHAPMAN	JOSIAH B	OVID	250	224
COVERT	DR PETER	OVID	250	
COVERT	DR PETER	OVID	100	
COON	WILLIAM F	OVID	100	
COON	WM F	OVID	50	
COVERT	ABRAM B	FARMER	100	
COVERT	JOHN J	OVID	100	49
COVERT	ABRAM A	OVID	100	61
CHRISTOPHER	DAVID	EAST VARICK	100	
CHRISTOPHER	AARON	EAST VARICK	100	
CLEVELAND	ER	LODI	100	73
CHRISTFIELD	JOHN	LODI	100	216
COLEMAN	MAHALON B	LOURNDENVILLE	50	79
COLEMAN	IRA H	FARMER	50	
COVERT	ISAAC	FARMER	50	
COBB	S.S	GENEVA	50	
CRISTOPHER	JOHN A	EAST VARICK	50	
COUERT	TENNIS R	FARMER	50	91
COUERT	PETER	FARMER	50	44
COUERT	COUCHIS V	COUERT	50	207
COLE	GEORGE W	LODI	50	
COUERT	DAVID H	OVID	50	64
CROWELL	LYMAN A	SENECA FALLS	50	
CLAWSON	GARRETT	LODI	50	104
CLAWSON	ISAAC	LODI	50	90
CHURCH	J L	WATERLOO	50	
CHRISTFIELD	FILLITE	LODI	50	146

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
COLE JR	DAVID	LODI	50	160
CAYWOOD	AUGUSTUS W	LODI	50	
COUERT	PETER H	OVID	50	55
COMPTON	CORNELIUS	FOURISENDVILLE	50	65
CLARKSON	JOHN B	LODI	50	106
COUERT	BURGUN	LODI	50	112
COUERT	ALPHEUS	LODI	50	138
CORNBY	LEWIS	OVID	50	207
COLE	M R & M V	COVERT	50	
COLE	IRA H	COVERT	50	196
CORYELL	WM B	WATERLOO	50	219

COE	JOHN D	ROMULUS	50	31
CLARK	DEXTER	OVID	50	85
CARRELL	JOHN	OVID	50	136
CHAMBERLIN	J P	SENECA FALLS	50	
CLARK	EDWARD	OVID	50	18
COMPSON	S	SENECA FALLS	50	
CONOVER	GEORGE S	VARICK	50	
DUNLAP	ANDREW	OVID	500	253
DUNLAP	ANDREW	OVID	500	
DENLOU	ELIJAH	OVID	500	78
DOIG	PETER	OVID	500	
DELAFIELD	JOHN	ROSE HILL	500	
DELAFIELD	TALMADGE	ROSE HILL	500	
DE MOTT	JAMES	OVID	200	41
DUNLAP	JOHN	OVID	200	260
DUNLAP	WM C	OVID	150	202
DUNLAP	WILLIAM	OVID	100	
DUNLAP	WILLIAM	OVID	100	
DUNLAP	JOSEPH	OVID	100	175
DUNNEH	DAVID	OVID	100	225
DUNNEH	DAVID	OVID	100	225
DONALDSON	ANN	OVID	100	
DOREMUS	GARRETT	ROMULUS	100	35
DE PUE	PETER	ROMULUS	100	35
DEY	RICHARD V	VARICK	100	
DUNLAP	JOSEPH	OVID	50	
DOBBIN	E.R.	WATERLOO	50	
DAVIDSON	SOPHRONIA	OVID	50	32
DOWERS	THEODORE	OVID	50	110
DUNLAP	GEORGE	OVID	50	
DEY	S.V.R.	VARICK	50	
DILMAR	ABRAHAM	FARMER	50	42
DATER	PHILIP	NEW YORK	100	

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
EASTMAN	DR JOHN L	LODI	200	
ELLIS	N.P.	OVID	500	
EASTMAN	CHESTER	OVID	125	36
EVERETT	CALVIN	OVID	100	
EASTMAN	HERMAN D	LODI	50	75
EDDY	DR H.L.	CANOGA	50	140
ELLIS	DANIEL	OVID	50	
EARLE	DAVID S	SALINA	100	
FURMAN	A.L.	OVID	500	226
FERGUSON	JAMES	OVID	500	81
FRELIGH	G.W.	OVID	100	157
FENNER	JACOB	COVERT	100	117
FOLWELL	THOMAS J	ROMULUS	100	227
FAUSETT	GEORGE	LODI	50	257
FEAGLY	WM B	LODI	50	120
FOSTER	H.L.E.	GENEVA	50	228
FULKERSON	T.S.	FARMER	50	68

FOSTER	A.P.	FARMER	50	
FRAMITER?	JACOB S	CANOGA	50	17
FULLER	ISAAC	SENECA FALLS	50	255
FOLWELL	NATHAN W	ROMULUS	50	
FANCHER	WM S	WATERLOO	50	
FATRINGER	T & L	WATERLOO	100	
FALE	EDWARD G	NEW YORK	250	
FRASER	THOMAS	NEW YORK	100	
FALE	T HALL	NEW YORK	250	
GROVE?	JOHN V	SHELDRAKE	500	
GORTON	DANIEL	OVID	150	
GARNER	CYRUS	CANOGA	100	205
GIDDINGS	WM D	ROMULUS	50	
GILMORE	AUGUSTUS	OVID	50	218
GENTRY	RICHARD	GEORGETOWN M	50	
GRAYPHEMISA	WILSON	OVID	50	
HARRIS THOMAS & CO		SHELDRAKE	500	256
HUNTINGTON	BENJAMIN N	ROME	500	
HENRY	GEORGE Y	OVID	200	176
HOWELL	E.C.	OVID	100	40
HARRIS	JOSEPH F	OVID	100	163
HUNT	JOSEPH H	ROMULUS	100	
HUNT	HENRY	ROMULUS	50	87
HUFF	PETER N	OVID	50	29
HARRIS	GEORGE	OVID	50	59
HERROW	DAVID	OVID	100	
HUFF	PETER	TOWNSENDVILLE	50	
<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
HINMAN	L	FARMER	50	195
HALSEY	HERMAN W	LODI	50	204
HOWELL	NEAL C	LODI	50	211
HAND	OVID	COVERT	50	109
HORTON	ALMON	COVERT	50	99
HORTON	ORLO	COVERT	50	
HUNTINGTON	JAI	STARKY	50	10
HOLLISTER	A	STARKY	50	
HOWE	P.P.	WATERLOO	50	166
HINKLEY	ELIJAH	OVID	50	23
HENRY	PETER Y	OVID	50	74
HOSTER	MICHAEL	SENECA FALLS	50	
HOSTER	JOHN G	SENECA FALLS	50	
HEIGLE	B	WATERLOO	50	
HUNT	RICHARD P	WATERLOO	100	
INGERSOLL	JOHN	LODI	50	
INGERSOLL	M.H.	LODI	50	
INGERSOLL	C.W.	OVID	50	
JOY	ARAD	OVID	500	184
JOHNSON	STEPHEN	OVID	300	268
JOHNSON	DANIEL D	ROMULUS	200	170
JOHNSON	IRA	OVID	200	279

JOHNSON	ISAAC N	OVID	200	212
JOHNSON	B.P.	ALBANY	250	
JOHNSON	WILLIAM T	OVID	150	
JOHNSON	JOSEPH	OVID	100	135
JOHNSON	EDWARD	OVID	50	
JOHNSON	CHARLES	OVID	50	58
JACACKY	SAMUEL	OVID	100	100
JONES	CLEMENT	OVID	100	54
JONES JR	CLEMENT	OVID	100	215
JOHNSON	IRA	WATERLOO	50	
JONES	DR SAMUEL	OVID	100	246
JONES	JAMES	LODI	50	21
JOHNSON	LUKE	FARMER	50	
JEWELL	JOHN W	OVID	50	
JACKSON	CHARLES B	OVID	50	
KING	JOHN A	JAMAICA	1000	
KELLY	WILLIAM	RHINEBECK	1000	1
KINNE	SILAS M	OVID	500	189
KINNE	SILAS M	OVID	100	289
KIDDER	N.B.	CHICAGO	500	
KINNE	MORRIS E	OVID	200	229
KINNE	WILLIAM	OVID	200	262
<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
KINNE	DAVID W	OVID	200	150
KINNE	CYRUS	OVID	100	155
KNIGHT	JAMES C	FARMER	50	43
KNIGHT	J.J.	TOWNENDVILLE	50	105
KING	JOHN G	ROMULUS	50	102
KING	GEORGE	OVID	50	
KINNE	JOHN	OVID	50	62
KING JR	JOHN A	JAMAICA NY	50	137
LEONARD	BENJAMIN	OVID	200	52
LAWRENCE	R.H.	GENEVA	100	217
LOCKHART	RICH B	SHELDRAKE	50	203
LOTT	PHILIP S	LODI	50	123
LOTT	ELIJAH	LODI	50	122
LOURETTE	A LA	SOUTH LODI	50	50
LANE	A.D.	WATERLOO	50	165
LUDLUM	STEPHEN	VARICK	50	
LENOX	JAMES	NEW YORK	1000	
LORILLARD	PETER	NEW YORK	1000	
MAGIE	JOHN	BATH	250	
MAXWELL	T.C.	GENEVA	500	
&BROTHE				
MANNING	JOHN G	OVID	500	
MILLER	HIRAM K	NEW YORK	250	276
MARTEN	WILLIAM	ROMULUS	250	
MURRAY	HAMILTON	OSWEGO	250	
MEEKER	JACOB	LODI	100	93
MESSELLER	DENNIS	OVID	100	
MILLER	GILBERT T	TOWSENDVILLE	100	
MYERS	DAVID	OVID	100	63

MALLORY	J	PENN YAN	100	
MANDEVILLE	COR	SHELDRAKE	100	139
MOORE	H.G.	GENEVA	100	230
MCCURDY	ROYAL	WATERLOO	50	
MILLER	PRINCE	GENEVA	50	
	AXTALE &			
MILLER	ROBERT L	NEW YORK	50	265
MARSH	DAVID B	ROMULUS	50	92
?		WATERLOO	50	167
?		LODI	50	154
?			50	125
MILLER	VAN RUSSCLAN	LODI	50	252
MILLER	AARON 2ND	LODI	50	162
MENAUGH	ELISHA	LODI	50	
MYERS	MARGARET	LODI	50	14
MINER	S.V.	LODI	50	151
MCNAIR	DAVID	LODI	50	126
MONDAY	H.O.	FARMER	50	

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
MCLAFFERTY	LIMEON	ROMULUS	50	
MCDUFFY	JAMES	EAST VARICK	50	
MCLAFFERTY	HENRY	ROMULUS	50	66
MYNDERSE	C.D.	SENECA FALLS	50	
MCLAUGHLIN	HUGH	OVID	50	
MCLAUGHLIN	WM	OVID	50	
MALONE	JAMES	OVID	50	
MALONE	BARNEY	OVID	50	
MCGIGGEN	BARNEY	OVID	50	
MCDONALD	F.H.	OVID	50	
MCCARLE	PETER	OVID	50	
MILLER	HENRY S	OVID	50	
MORGAN	GOV E.D.	NEW YORK	250	
MORRIS	L.G.	NEW YORK	250	
NEAL	IRA	LODI	100	185
NEAL	BENJAMIN	LODI	50	
NOBLE	NELSON	COVERT	50	
OGDEN	CHARLES	ROMULUS	100	35
OSGOOD	HIRAM	OVID	50	
PRIME	RUFUS	NEW YORK	300	
PATRICK	MAJ R.M.	OVID	250	232
PROUTY	JOHN S	GENEVA	200	
POST	ABRAM A	FLINT CREEK	200	
PURDY	A.S	OVID	150	
PRICE	GEORGE	ROMULUS	100	
PURSELL	THOMAS	OVID	100	145
POMEROY	F.B.	OVID	100	174
PRENTICE	E.P.	ALBANY	100	
PEAR	RICHARD H	ALBANY	100	
PURSELL	JOHN	OVID	50	164
PLATT	H.D.	GENEVA	50	231
PETERSON	JACOB	CANOGA	50	127
PETERSON	CORNELIUS	CANOGA	50	20

PETERSON	AMOS	LODI	50	187
PETERSON	CORNELIUS	COVERT	50	
PRALL	CHANNEY	COVERT	50	173
PORTER JR	LEWIS	COVERT	50	147
PACK	JOHN V.	OVID	50	
PARTIDGE	ERASTUS	SENECA FALLS	50	142
PIERCE	ABEL	NORTH READING	50	11
PALMER	HORATIO	SHELDRAKE	50	
PORTEUS	PETER	FAYETTE	50	
PIERSON	L.R.	WATERLOO	50	
PIERSON	J.H.	WATERLOO	50	

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QUICK	JAMES	FARMER	50	131
REYNOLDS	ROBT L.	OVID	100	
ROOK	F.B.	SWEDEN	100	
RAPPLEYE	ANSEL	FARMER	50	86
RAPPLEYE	ABRAM	FARMER	50	
RAPPLEYE	J.W.	FARMER	50	124
RAPPLEYE	TERNIS S	FARMER	50	71
RAPPLEYE	HARRISON	FARMER	50	72
RAPPLEYE	J.M & H	FARMER	50	69
RAPPLEYE	PETER	FARMER	50	45
RAPPLEYE	JOHN P	FARMER	50	201
RORESON	ALEXANDER	FAYETTE	50	248
RORESON	A	FAYETTE	50	249
REDFIELD	JAMES	WATERLOO	50	
ROGER	JAMES D	FAYETTE	50	
READER	DR HENRY	VARICK	50	
ROONEY	THOMAS	OVID	50	
RUSSELL	CHARLES H	NEW YORK	100	
SANDFORD	HALSEY	OVID	500	
SEELEY	JOHN E	OVID	500	
SACKETT	CORI L	OVID	500	251
BAILEY	GEO W			
SMITH	W.J. & E	GENEVA	500	
SHELDON	JAMES O	GENEVA	250	233
SACKETT	GARRIE V	SENECA FALLS	200	144
SWEREY	J.H.	OVID	250	121
SULTON	CYRUS J	OVID	250	
SMITH	WILLIAM S	OVID	200	272
SHEPPARD	CHARLES C	PENN YAN	100	235
SHEPPARD	GEORGE A	PENN YAN	100	236
SCHUYLER	JOHN R	VARICK	100	28
SEARY	JONATHAN	ROMULUS	100	30
SUTTON	ARTEMUS	OVID	100	234
SMITH	A.L.	CANOGA	100	119
SMITH	HAN L	CANOGA	100	118
SMITH	ISAIAH	SEARSBURGH	100	47
SMITH	RALPH	LODI	100	199
	ALEXANDER	OVID	150	
	FOLKARD		100	228
SEELEY	NATHANIEL	OVID	100	213

SAYRE	EDWARD	ROMULUS	100	67
SCOTT	DAVID D	OVID	100	60
SEELEY	HEZEKIAH	OVID	100	84
SEELEY	WILLIAM P	OVID	100	
<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
SPADER	WILLIAM	LODI	100	
SPENCE	JOHN R	LODI	100	
SWARTHOUT	COE	ROMULUS	100	203
SMITH	JARED H	ROMULUS	100	267
STEEL	R.R.	ROMULUS	100	13
SCHOOLEY	ASALIAH	WATERLOO	50	
STEVENSON	ROBERT L	WATERLOO	50	
SWEET	A.L.	WATERLOO	50	
STEIGLE	B	WATERLOO	50	
SMITH	JASON	TYRE	50	
SHOEMAKER	JOHN	SENECA FALLS	50	
SEYMOUR	HORATIO	UTICA	50	
STONE JR	JOEL	CLEVELAND O	50	
STONE	J.R.	ROSE HILL	50	182
SWAN	ROBT J	GENEVA	50	237
SUYDAM	H.L.	GENEVA	50	
SMITH	J.W.	GENEVA	50	238
SMITH	DR A.B.	GENEVA	50	
SMELZER	PHILIP	LODI	50	239
SMITH	JOHN T	LODI	50	83
SWARTHOUT	JOSEPH	LODI	50	186
SMITH	STEPHEN B	LODI	50	197
SMITH	WILLIAM B	OVID	50	214
SMITH	DANIEL B	NORTH HECTOR	50	39
SMITH	OLIVER O	COVERT	50	240
SMITH	H.D.	ROMULUS	50	
SMITH	H.W.	WATERLOO	50	
SUTTER	BENJAMIN B	OVID	50	46
SHARP	CHARLES	VARICK	50	
SCOTT	JAMES B	OVID	50	
STEWART	DAVID	OVID	50	264
STOWELL	WILLIAM	FARMER	50	
SNIPPIN	JOHN	FARMER	50	70
SPENCE	JOHN M	OVID	50	
SEELEY	DANIEL	OVID	50	241
SCOTT	DANIEL	OVID	50	37
SCOTT	DANIEL	OVID	50	
SIMPSON	JOHN	OVID	100	263
STEWART	CORNELIUS	OVID	100	275
SMALLEY	JAMES	OVID	50	241
SMALLEY	SCHRING F	OVID	50	134
STRINGHAM	SYLVESTER L	FAYETTE	50	177
SKOATS	DAVID L	WATERLOO	50	153
SENTELE	CHARLEY	WATERLOO	50	259
SAYRE	JOHN	ROMULUS	50	
STRUBLE	H.W.	OVID	50	
SMALL	THOMAS	NEW YORK	100	
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SHERMAN	BENJAMIN B	NEW YORK	100	

TOWNSEND	JEREMIAH	OID	200	
THOMAS	SAMUEL	FAYETTE	100	258
TERRELL	DOUGLAS	LODI	100	15
THOMAS	SYLVESTER D	OID	100	22
TRAPHAGEN	PETER	LODI	50	156
TUNISON	PETER	COVERT	50	254
TRACY	H.C.	KIDDERS	50	194
TOWNSEND	JOHN	TOWNSENDVILLE	50	113
TOWNSEND	JEDEDIAH	TOWNSENDVILLE	50	80
TOWNSEND	GILBERT	TOWNSENDVILLE	50	200
TIBBET	S.M.	SHELDRAKE	50	
TEAL	GEORGE C.P.	GENEVA	50	
THORN	JONATHON	NEW YORK	500	
VAN LIEW	ELHANAM	OID	200	
VAN DOREM	ABRAHAM	OID	100	33
VAN TRYL	ISAAC	ROMULUS	100	243
VAN VLEET	PETER J	ROMULUS	100	34
VAN LIEW	RICHARD	LODI	50	245
VAN LIEW	HENRY F	FARMER	50	
VAN LIEW	PETER	FARMER	50	
VAN BERGER	ANTHONY	WATERLOO	50	
VAIL	ABRAHAM	WATERLOO	50	
VAN D MARK	S	WATERLOO	50	167
VOORHEES	GEORGE W	OID	100	270
VOORHEES	STEPHEN	LODI	50	132
VOORHEES	PETER	LODI	50	116
VAN VLEET	ISAAC	LODI	50	265
VESCELIUS	CASPER B	LODI	50	
WAGER	HENRY	ROME	500	
WILLIAMS	J.B.	ITHACA		
WHITING	FRANKLIN	ROMULUS	100	292
WHEELER	JOHNATHAN	FAYETTE	100	27
WILLIAMS	JAMES	EAST VARICK	100	98
WARING	SAMUEL F	FAYETTE	100	104
WOODWORTH	AUGUSTUS	LODI	100	152
WILSON	JOHN N	OID	100	24
WILSON	JOSEPH	OID	100	188
WILSON	ABRAHAM	OID	100	130
WILSON	JOHN G	OID	50	88
WILSON	CHARLES W	OID	50	25
WILSON	WILLIAM	OID	50	171
WOODWORTH	NESTER	COVERT	50	158
<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
WAKEMAN	NATHAN	COVERT	50	111
WARN	SCOBIE	ROMULUS	50	159
WARNE	BENJAMIN	ROMULUS	100	
WARNER	SIDNEY	WATERLOO	50	12
WILLIAMS	F.C.	OID	50	291
WYCKOFF	ABRAHAM	LODI	50	95
WYCKOFF	ABRAHAM 2ND	LODI	50	97
WYCKOFF	WILLIAM M	LODI	50	198

WEED	IRA B	OVID	50	128
WRIGHT	JOSEPH	WATERLOO	500	247
WHARTENBY	BENJAMIN F	WATERLOO	50	
WILKINSON	O.W.	FAYETTE	50	
WOODEN	ROBERT	WATERLOO	50	
WALBRIDGE	H.D.	GENEVA	50	
WOODWORTH	ALANSON	FAYETTE	50	
WOOD	MICHAEL	OVID	50	
WHITE	THOMAS	OVID	50	
WILSON	HARRISON	OVID	25	244
WILLIAMS	J.B.	ITHACA	100	
WHITLOCK	BENJAMIN	NEW YORK	250	

Appendix D – Some Miscellaneous Pieces of Information

Clothing Recommendations.

It is recommended that every student shall keep himself supplied with the following articles:

- 1 Great coat of blue cloth.
- 1 Dress coat, vest and trousers.
- 2 Blue trousers for winter.
- 6 Trousers for summer, white.
- 2 Blue working jackets for winter.
- 4 White working jackets for summer.
- 1 Blue cloth cap, 1 glazed cap, 1 dress hat.
- 3 Black cravats or stocks.
- 2 Pairs of boots, 1 pair of shoes.
- 7 Shirts, 7 pairs of winter stockings, 7 pairs summer stockings.
- 6 Pocket handkerchiefs, 1 canvas clothes bag.

BOYS UPSTAGE PRESIDENT CHEEVER'S ELABORATE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Agricultural College President Cheever made elaborate plans for the groundbreaking ceremony. He had gone to Geneva and purchased a spade, which he sharpened the night before the ceremony.



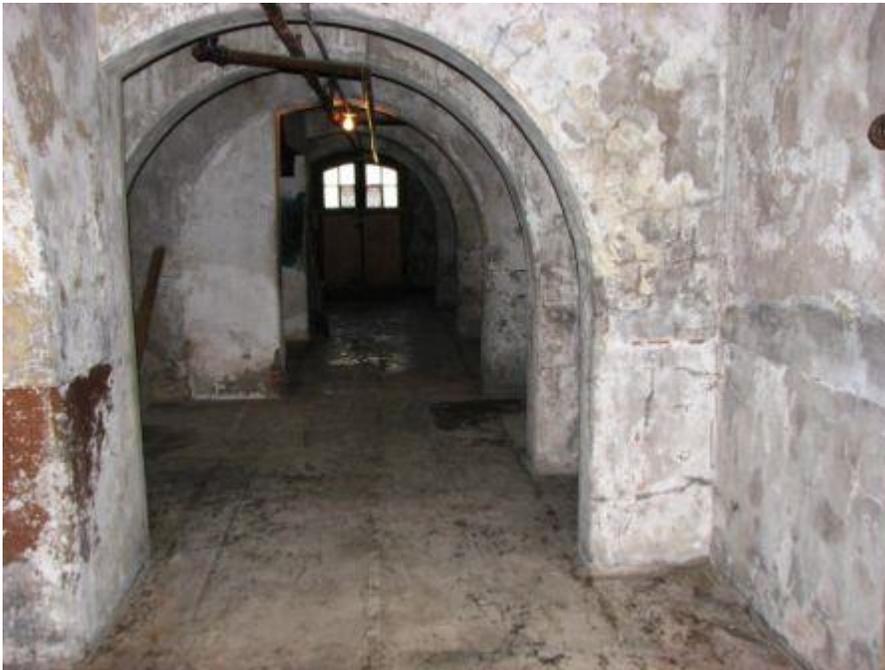
Four young men in Ovid heard of Cheever's elaborate plans for the next day and decided to spoil Cheever's plans. **They snuck on to the Agricultural College grounds in the night and cut off the sod from an area about ten yards square.** It wasn't until the next morning that President Cheever found out what these boys had done. One college trustee described Cheever's angry reaction by saying, "*When the worthy president repaired to the spot in the*

morning and saw how he had been outwitted, his anger knew no bounds, and instead of the solemn ceremony that he had planned, an exhibition of such an entirely different nature took place, that those who knew him best prudently kept out of the reach of his wrath for several hours."

JOHN CHAPIN'S COMMENT ON GETTING THE SCIENCE OUT OF THE FARMLAND

"...I remember that about three years after the hospital was opened, in going about the farm with the hospital farmer, I complained to him of the appearance of his crops. He remarked by way of encouragement that the farm had been operated by scientific men on so-called scientific principles, and that we need not expect to get good crops, until the science was entirely worked out or eliminated from the farm."¹

¹ John Chapin letter to Diedrich Willers in 1906. John Chapin was the Superintendent of the Willard Asylum at the time that the hospital farmer made the comment referred to above."



Basement walls and supports in the original Ag College section of the Grandview Building



Basement floor tiles as they looked in Jun3 2008



Postcard picture of the Grandview Building of the Willard Asylum for the Insane